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Real Estate Signs & For Sale or Rent Signs 38-35(e)-(f)

Real estate signs and signs promoting the sale or rental of properties are exempt and are allowed without a permit provided they comply with the following:

- No more than 4 such signs are allowed per property being sold or rented.
- Each such sign can be no larger than 6 square feet in area, no more than 3 feet tall, and must be made of weatherproof materials.
- Signs can only be displayed on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

In addition, the following practices are prohibited:

- Signs erected within a public right of way, or on private property without the written permission of the property owner or agent.
- Signs erected within 5 feet of a property line.
- Signs painted on or attached to a vehicle or trailer.
- Signs that interfere with a required line of sight or which obstruct or interfere with a required door opening, sidewalk, fire escape route or exit way.

Signs that are found to be in violation the code will be removed at the expense of the sign owner. Also, many landscaped areas in the public right of way contain irrigation systems that are susceptible to damage by sign frames. Signs found to have caused damage to city property will be removed, and the cost of repairs assessed to the sign owner.

Note: This is a summary of the Code sections that most commonly apply to real estate, for sale or rental signs. Please refer to 38-35 (e)-(f) for specifics and additional information. An online version of the Code is available at-- <http://www.ci.falls-church.va.us/>